



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20140203-03D**

February 3, 2014

**Subject:** Public Safety Commission Distracted Driving Ordinance Revision

### **Recommendation**

Based on the testimony of Bianca Bentzin, Criminal Prosecution Division Chief and concerns voiced by City of Austin residents, this Commission makes the following recommendation to the Austin City Council:

We advise the City Council to form a taskforce for the purpose of amending, updating, and improving the current ordinance related to texting while driving and to address the broader issue of distracted driving. We recommend that the taskforce be made up of necessary stakeholders including representatives from the Austin Police Department, Ms. Bentzin of the City's Legal Department, Commissioner Ramey Ko of the Public Safety Commission and members of the public. We further recommend that the draft ordinance be presented for approval by the Public Safety Commission prior to it going before the Mayor & Council for their consideration.

### **Vote**

The Public Safety Commission Distracted Driving Ordinance Revision Recommendation was approved unanimously on Commissioners Ko's motion and Commissioner Lauderdale's second.

Absent: Commissioner Anschutz

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa C. Song", written over a horizontal line.